

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SCANNING MODES (AS AMENDED)**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 8, 1999

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The documents cited on Form PTO-1449 are of record in the file of the prior application (Serial No. 08/677,187, respectively filed July 9, 1996.

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application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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